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MAMA & MonTAP Sessions at the Montana Aviation Conference

Attention airport owners! Are you aware of the liability that members of airport boards and airport authorities have? To avoid conflict, bad press, and the potential for litigation, airport boards and airport authorities need to follow certain basic legal requirements. To help understand these requirements, the Montana Airport Managers Association (MAMA) and the Montana Technical Assistance Program (MonTAP) are bringing Paul Lachapelle to the Montana Aviation Conference in Great Falls on February 29th. Mr. Lachapelle's presentation will cover Montana's open meeting laws, code of ethics, board liability, and the proper use of Robert's Rules of Order. Government officials and members of volunteer boards have a certain amount of liability they need to know and understand. This presentation will be a great way to gain a better understanding of your responsibilities.

During the sessions, Jim Greil with the Montana Aeronautic Division will be giving a presentation discussing "Airport Affected Areas". Assuring compatible land-use on and around your airport is necessary in maintaining a safe environment for both property owners in the vicinity of the airport and pilots using your airport. With the growing population in Montana, it is important that your airport has established an "airport affected area". Jim has immense experience with this issue as he was involved in establishing the current regulations under Montana law. If it has been a while since you thought about your "Airport Affected Areas" this presentation will be



a good refresher and will emphasize the value in maintaining compatible land use.

A roundtable panel discussion with a cross section of Montana airport owners and airport managers will be held during the MAMA/MonTAP sessions. The discussion will focus on the "What Is So Great About Your Airport" to the community. Each general aviation airport in Montana is a valuable resource to its community and this roundtable panel discussion is intended to highlight the successes of Montana's general aviation airports.

For the airport representatives attending the MAMA/MonTAP sessions, MonTAP will be distributing a DVD produced by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association entitled "Local Airports – Access to America." This is a great DVD discussing the value and benefits provided by the more than 5,000 general aviation airports across America.

When and Where

The Montana Aviation Conference will be held February 28 – March 1, 2008, at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls. The MAMA General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and the MAMA/MonTAP sessions will be on Friday, February 28 from 9:00 to 11:00 am and from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Get Registered Today

Register today at www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation or call Patty Kautz at 406 444 2506 with the Montana Aeronautics Division.

See you in Great Falls!

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